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# If you are approached by TV, radio or newspaper reporters:

#### Remember:

As an American citizen, you can help tell the Army story: You may speak to the media if you wish, BUT you don't have to talk to the media.

# It's your choice.

You can refer the reporter to the PAO without comment. Do contact your PAO after the interview to tell them what happened.

# If you choose to talk to the media:

- Know who you're talking to! Be aware and be cautious. Recent events make security and safety even more important!
- Ask for credentials. Make sure the contact is legitimate. Find out the reporter's name, affiliation and contact information.
- Get as much information as you can about how the interview will be used.

- Contact your PAO for assistance.
- Discuss only those matters over which you have direct responsibility or personal knowledge.
- If you don't know, say "I don't know." **Don'ts:**
- Don't discuss personal information that might interfere with a soldier's right to privacy.
- Don't discuss classified information.
- Don't discuss information about future, in progress or cancelled operations.
- Don't discuss exact troop strengths or casualties.
- Don't discuss specific capabilities of weapon systems or equipment.
- Don't discuss political or foreign policy matters.
- Don't discuss rules of engagement.
- Don't let the media take identifying photos or video of your home (street address), your car (license plate) or ID cards or badges.

- Don't attempt to cover up negative situations. Discuss only obvious facts.
- Don't use the expression "no comment." You may say "due to the security and safety of our soldiers, I can not discuss future operations," "that information is classified" or "I am not qualified to talk about that."
- Don't lie, guess or make "off the record" comments. There's no such thing as "off the record."
- Don't provide the enemy with propaganda material by grumbling or thoughtless complaints.

## For the kids:

- Parents, talk to your kids about how to act if they're approached.
- Remind them not to talk to strangers unless you are present and approve.
- Make sure they know to tell you, a teacher, an MP, a security guard or someone in authority if they're approached by any stranger.









